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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 4.—Tubercle, the most deadly of diseases, termed "crotalyn," is a new remedy that is arresting and curing cases of consumption, and one which may yet receive the \$100,000 prize offered by a Yale alumnus for a cure of the

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Bankrupt Notices.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the matter of No. 894.
ROBERT O. ALLEN, } In Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.
To the Creditors of ROBERT O. ALLEN, of Manchester, in the County of Chesterfield and District of Maryland—Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1909, the said ROBERT O. ALLEN was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my office, Room No. 802, American National Bank Building, Richmond, Va., on the 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

THOS. B. SNEAD,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
December 4, 1909.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the matter of No. 892.
HENRY B. HUNTER, } In Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.
To the Creditors of HENRY B. HUNTER, of Highland Springs, in the County of Henrico and District of Virginia—Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1909, the said HENRY B. HUNTER was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my office, Room No. 802, American National Bank Building, Richmond, Va., on the 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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December 4, 1909.

POET CONFESSES HIS INSPIRATION

Watson Names "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue."

HIS PICTURE IS COMPOSITE ONE

Wife and Daughter of Premier Asquith Portrayed in His Verses, Which Set Two Continents Gossiping—Incidents Which Caused Him to Write Poem.

STATEMENT BY MR. WATSON.

"The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter, Violet. The poem is a portrait of the physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith, the mentality of Violet Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice speaking with authority. She is "Who slights the worthiest in the land." Sneers at the just, condemns the brave, And blackens goodness in its grave." WILLIAM WATSON.

NEW YORK, December 4.—William Watson, the English poet, whose last volume of verse has set all England gossiping, principally on account of the poem, "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," quoted above, made the signed statement, also quoted above, to a reporter after his arrival on the Lusitania with his wife for a short visit in this country.

Mr. Watson, at the same time, gave an account of a visit he made in June last to Mrs. Asquith, wife of the British Premier, and her step-daughter, on whose personification he says in his statement he based his poem. This account he prepared soon afterward to explain the circumstances under which the poem was written and the incidents which inspired it. The date on which this was written was June 20, this year. Here it is: "Last Friday week I happened to meet Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter, Miss Violet Asquith, at Stafford House. Miss Asquith asked me to

"Push the Button and Rest"

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The Push Button Kind
There's the Button
The poisoned words that wildly fly, The fabled face, the fevered brow, Who sighs the worthiest in the land, Sneers at the just, condemns the brave, And blackens goodness in its grave. In truthful numbers he sang, The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue; Concerning whom, Fame hints at things. Told him in shrugs and whisperings, Ambitious from her natal hour, And sent him on his life for power; With little left of seemly pride; With venomous fangs she cannot hide. Who had makes love to you to-day, To-morrow gives her guest away, Burnt up within by that strange fire. She cannot slake, or yet control; Malignant-lipped, unkind, unswayed; Pale all example indiscreet; Fictive, and always overstrung— The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue.

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I looked at my watch and found to my surprise that it was 6:45; so I took my departure. I walked from Downing Street to the Devonshire Club. Along the way I improvised a quatrain "To the Memory of the Late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman," which ran thus: "This was an honest man, who spoke the truth, The hated truth, whether men heard or no. He stood for Honor, Justice, Courage, He is gone—and they, too, go."

"I wrote to Miss Asquith in the club, reiterating my apology for not having been able to write in her book anything previously unpublished, but saying that on my return from 10 Downing Street, I had improvised a little quatrain to the memory of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, 'that great-hearted man,' I said, 'whose memory I should like to see in the most of waken the drugged conscience of England.' I added: 'I shall be delighted to write in her book anything you ever care to give me the opportunity.'"

"I posted the letter and the quatrain to her very late that night, and she certainly would not receive it until the following morning. Within I should have been a serious matter, and I received, to my great astonishment—for I thought I had flung the most unforgivable insult at this family—a letter from Mrs. Asquith herself, in which she said:

"Mrs. Asquith's Friendly Reply.
"10 Downing St., Whitehall, S. W.
"23d June, 1909.
"Dear Mr. Watson.—It will give me a great pleasure, I am sure, if you will write this for her. 'What I want you to do is to copy for me your favorite lines in Wordsworth's grave and on another piece of paper some of Wordsworth's own lines that give you the most pleasure. I will be infinitely grateful. Hastily, Yours, 'MARGOT ASQUITH.'"

"She sent the letter by hand to the Devonshire Club, apparently wishing that it should reach me without any avoidable delay. I did not reply until at least three days afterward, when I wrote her, saying that Wordsworth presented an embarrassment of riches, but that I thought there could be no inappropriateness in writing for her such a poem as his sonnet Milton touched upon political matters, and uttered his contempt for timid political action in other ways have perished the men—"

"Who never sold the truth to serve the hour Or plied with eternal God for power."

"I then gave her rather apologetically some details about my forthcoming volume of poems, my mentioning that I had some of my book some verses out of my own pen, 'Wordsworth's Grave.'"

"I did as Mrs. Asquith requested, and also wrote her in my politest manner, and if nothing had occurred, She replied:

"I cannot thank you enough, my dear Mr. Watson. I love your lines, and I am at present aware of."

"This closed the incident so far as I am at present aware of."

authentic I can scarcely find words to express my opinion of Mr. Watson. "His action is incredibly foolish. It would have been foolish if he had satisfactorily explained his reasons for making the Asquiths the subject of a poem, but in his full statement which I read he falls utterly to set up his case."

"There is nothing in Mr. Watson's statement to justify the basing of his poem upon the occurrences of that day last June when he was the guest of the Asquiths in Downing Street. Mind you, he was their guest."

"Mr. Watson does not quote a single thing that Mrs. Asquith said that was not gracious and charming, and even Asquith's remarks as he reports them are merely girlish prattle. "So, upon his own evidence, Mr. Watson is convicted of lampooning women who, so far as we know, are entirely innocent. It is abominable, therefore, for him to have aimed at them in his poem, but it is infinitely more abominable that he should be discussing it at this time and under these circumstances."

"Personally, I am unable to understand Mr. Watson's motive. It may be that he has some grudge against the Asquiths which he has not yet revealed. "Perhaps not contented with the satisfaction of legitimate fame, Mr. Watson has sought the sensations of notoriety. Some literary people are afflicted that way. You know, Browning in his later years became the most insufferable old snob and was forever talking about Duchess this and Countess that to whose houses he was invited."

"Perhaps the social bee has bitten Mr. Watson. Perhaps he has sought to realize ambitions in this direction at the hands of Mrs. Asquith, the Premier's wife, and was denied it. Whatever was his secret motive, his present conduct is inexcusable. "As a poet Mr. Watson never interested me. But I am frank to say that 'The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue' is a very strong, well written poem."

"I have always believed Mr. Watson an able, academic poet, and I cannot conceive of a man of his caliber being so brainless as Mr. Watson has shown himself. His poem is good, and reminds one of some by Pope, but his action of to-day in fixing it upon the Asquiths, women whom he has known from all ancient society."

"I do not know what Mr. Watson intends to do here in America, but I should not think he would dare to say back to London. He is not only a cad, but he is a foolish cad, and if I were any hostess I would not receive him in my house."

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